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SUBJECT : VISIT OF PRINCE NAIF TO THE UAE

1. SAUDI MINISTER OF INTERIOR PRINCE NAIF BIN ABD AL-AZIZ COMPLETED A FIVE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UAE ON OCTOBER 28, THE FIRST VISIT TO THE UAE BY A SAUDI MINISTER OF INTERIOR SINCE PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT TWO YEARS AGO WHEN THE BORDER ISSUE BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES WAS FINALLY SETTLED.

2. NAIF'S VISIT THIS TIME WAS CLEARLY ONE OF REFLECTING SAUDI INTEREST IN UAE INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND PROSPECTS FOR MAINTAINING INTERNAL SECURITY. NAIF WENT THROUGH ALL OF THE PROTOCOL PACES OF CALLING ON EACH RULER AND VIRTUALLY EVERY PRINCE OF ANY CONSEQUENCE IN THE EMIRATES, ALL OF WHICH WAS SHOWN IN GREAT DETAIL ON LOCAL TV NEWS. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT, NAIF AND HIS HOST, UAE MINISTER OF INTERIOR SHAIKH MUBARAK BIN MUHAMMAD ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS THE COMMON AIM OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO STRENGTHEN THE COORDINATION OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE GULF AREA. THE SAUDIS OFFERED TO TRAIN UAE SECURITY PERSONNEL LEAVING THE DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT AT A TECHNICAL LEVEL, AND THE UAE MADE A BOW TO THE CONSTRUCTIVE SAUDI ROLE OF UNIFYING ARAB AND ISLAMIC WILL TO ENSURE JUSTICE AND GOOD LIVING IN THE REGION.
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3. WHILE THE PUBLIC ASPECTS OF THE VISIT WERE TO EMPHASIZE WHAT SAUDI ARABIA COULD OFFER IN TRAINING UAE SECURITY PERSONNEL, THE PRIVATE ASPECTS OF THE VISIT SEEM TO HAVE BEEN TO PASS THE WORD AROUND THAT THE SAUDIS LOOK WITH FAVOR ON SHAIKH ZAYED'S CONTINUED STEWARDSHIP AS UAE PRESIDENT. THEREFORE, THE VISIT PROBABLY HAS HELPED TO STRENGTHEN ZAYED'S HAND IN HIS EFFORTS TO USE HIS WILLINGNESS TO REMAIN AS PRESIDENT FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS AS A TOOL TO PRY SOME POLITICAL CONCESSIONS FROM THE OTHER RULERS TOWARD A STRONGER FEDERATION.
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